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SUBJ: REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: GOK REQUEST FOR USG
ASSISTANCE

1. UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY PUBLIC WORKS BADR SAUD ABDULRAZZAK HAS TOLD HEAD FHWA TEAM HERE, WHICH ATTACHED TO MINISTRY, THAT HE WOULD LIKE USG TO SUPPLY TWO PROFESSIONALS TO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TERMINAL AT KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. GOK EXPECTED AWARD CONTRACT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$100 MILLION PROJECT SOON TO DUTCH FIRM, NADAM-BALLAST. THEREFORE, GOK CONSIDERES REQUEST URGENT, ALTHOUGH IT WISHES TREAT MATTER DISCREETLY FOR NOW.

2. JOB WOULD BE TO ADVISE MPW AND COORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF SUPERVISORY ENGINEERING CONSULTANT (PACIFIC CONSULTANTS OF JAPAN) AND THE CONTRACTOR IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORT PASSENGER AND CARGO TERMINALS COMPLETE WITH ALL HANDLING FACILITIES, APRONS AND TAXIWAYS. ADVISORS WOULD WORK DIRECTLY FOR UNDERSECRETARY AND IN EFFECT WOULD MONITOR ENTIRE PROJECT FOR MPW IN FASHION ANALOGOUS
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TO FHWA MONITORING OF LOCAL ROAD AND HIGHWAY PROJECTS. ADVISORS

SHOULD BE SENIOR STAFF EXPERIENCED IN AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION. ASSUME WORKING ARRANGEMENT WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM WOULD BE SAME AS PRESENT AGREEMENT WITH FHWA.

3. COMMENT: NOT SURPRISING MPW SHOULD SEEK USG ASSISTANCE ALONG LINES DESCRIBED ABOVE SINCE MINISTRY (AND EMBASSY) PLEASED WITH SUPERIOR FHWA PERFORMANCE IN KUWAIT SINCE PROGRAM BEGAN HERE IN 1968. EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES FAA OR OTHER APPROPRIATE USG AGENCY RESPOND FAVORABLY TO GOK REQUEST SINCE WE BELIEVE MOVE COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING GOK TO SELECT US EQUIPMENT FOR THIS MAJOR PROJECT AND OTHERS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO FOLLOW. IN ADDITION WOULD GIVE US ENHANCED POSITION IN KUWAIT CIVAIR AREA, WHICH HERETOFORE HAS TENDED TO BE DOMINATED BY BRITISH. POLITICAL BENEFITS SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT IN MIND.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOONEST POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM DOT, DEPARTMENT AND/OR OTHER APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES WHICH WE COULD CONVEY TO GOK. WOULD HOPE FORMALIZE EXCHANGE ASAP THEREAFTER IN EFFORT GET PROGRAM UNDERWAY.
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